श्री भागवत झा आजाद : जो तरीका है उस के अनुसार ही करना होता है। जो बुद्धिमान लोग हैं उन को बिठाते हैं और वह सलाह देते हैं कि क्या होना चाहिए। फैसला हमीं करते हैं, लेकिन दूसरों की राय ले कर हां फैसला करते हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Irrigation in Guntur District

*42. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Krishna river which is the main source of irrigation in the Guntur District in Andhra Pradesh is likely to dry up after a period of 10 years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to bring water from the Godavari river to meet the irrigation requirements of the Guntur District; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) It is not likely that the river Krishna will dry up after ten years as stated.

(c) and (d) Andhra Pradesh has not yet submitted any such proposal to the Centre.

Hill Station allowance to railway employees at Igatpuri

*44. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
DR. MAHABIR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have declared Igatpuri in Nasik District on the Central Railway as a hill station;

(b) whether the railway employees at this station are entitled to hill station allowance;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the unions of workers have been demanding the allowance for the past twelve years; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) From 1964 onwards the Central Government has laid down the principles governing payment of Hill Compensatory Allowance on a graded scale, depending on altitude of the hill stations. In terms of these principles, stations which are situated at altitudes less than 1000 metres do not qualify for payment of such Allowance. As the altitude of Igatpuri is less than 1000 metres above the sea level, the employees at this station are not eligible to draw Hill Compensatory Allowance.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is not considered feasible to accept the demand as it is not in accordance with the policy followed by the Central Government in this regard.

Survey on the Khurdha Road-Bolangir line

*46. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work on the Khurdha Road-Bolangir line *via* Phulabani has started;

(b) if so, when it was started and what is the progress so far made in this regard; and

(c) by when the survey is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. This survey was inaugurated on 31.12.1983. Notification under Section 4 of Land Acquisition Act has been issued to enable the survey teams to do survey in private land. Consultations have also been made with the State Government regarding alignment for the proposed rail line. The survey of this 290 kms of new line is expected to be completed in about 18 (eighteen) months' time.

स्वतंत्रता सनानियों के लिए रेल के मुफ्त पास

*48. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को रेल के मुफ्त पास जारी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये पास कब तक जारी किये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "न" हो तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी) : ऐसे अनुदेश पहले ही जारी किये जा चुके हैं कि वे स्वतंत्रता सेनानी, जो गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार से स्वतंत्रता सैनिक सम्मान पेंशन योजना के अधीन पेंशन पा रहे हैं, और वे जिन्होंने देश को आजाद कराने के लिए आजादी की लड़ाई में भाग लिया और वे इस कारण राज्य सरकारों से पेंशन प्राप्त कर रहे हैं, को पहले दर्जे के मानार्थ कार्ड पास दिये जाएं। जो स्वयं तथा पत्नी या पत्नी के न होने पर उसी दर्जे में सहयोगी परिचर के लिए उपलब्ध हों। ये पास इनके जारी होने की तारीख से छः मास की अवधि के लिए वैध हैं। किन्तु इन अनुदेशों को कुछ समय के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया है क्योंकि स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पासों के जारी करने की रूपात्कताओं के बारे में गृह मंत्रालय और प्रधान मंत्री के कार्यालय द्वारा कुछ परिवर्तन करने के लिए जांच की जा रही है।

Payment of Bonus to Railwaymen

*49. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the reasons for not announcing Government's decision on the question of payment of bonus to railwaymen under the Bonus Act?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): In terms of provisions contained in Section 32(4) of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, this act will not apply, *inter alia*, to employees employed in a department of the Central Government. However, the Ministry of Railways have evolved a scheme of Productivity Linked Bonus for Railway employees.

Metro Railway, Calcutta

*50. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the INDIAN EXPRESS of the 28th June, 1984 under the caption "Behind the Metro Deluge" regarding recent flooding of the Metro tunnels at Calcutta, resulting in damage to 16 railway coaches and expensive equipment and a loss of